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Mr. W. Reid Williams, Jr.  
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Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Reid:

Thanks so much for your letter of the 25th with enclosure. I am going to talk with Senator Byrd as soon as the opportunity presents itself in the hopes we can get the matter worked out as suggested in your letter to him.

I agree with you that no nation on earth can take us over as long as we stay strong internally. The great fear I have is that we will permit ourselves to be taken over from within. This we cannot permit.

I enjoyed very much seeing you at the convention last week and hope to see you again in the near future.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. M. Abbitt

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Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt,  
Appamattox, Va.

Dear Congressman Abbitt,

In regard to our conversation at the Poultry Federation Presidents breakfast in Richmond, I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Senator Byrd, which gives the pages, title and date of the Congressional Record which I mentioned to you. When you have made a record of what you will need from this letter please return it to me so that I may have it in my records.

In my duties as Chmn. of the Educational Committee of the Richmond Chapter of the Defenders I have read all the Virginia and United States History I could find hunting for one which adequately discusses the four things which at this time particularly should be taught to our children. I agree with Congressman Smith that no such book exists.

1. Who introduced slavery to America and the efforts of the Va. House of Burgesses to get the King of England to stop the crown monopoly of the slave trade.

2. The organization of the African Colonization Society once we were free from England.

3. The true reason for the Civil War ( I suggest to you the new book "Jefferson Davis by Hudson Strode ") The war was an economic one with a slavery excuse. Since so many manufacturing plants have removed to the South the negro is again being used for economic reasons to embarrass and injure the South.

4. The Constitutional Convention and the Bill of Rights. The reasons why we decided on a Republic form of government made up of a federation of Sovereign States. America has never been, is not now, and I prayerfully hope will never be a Democracy. Whenever I hear a person refer to the great American Democracy I immediately oppose it.

I am not afraid of what outside powers will do to us, but I am tremendously afraid of what we will do to ourselves from within. I know of no two things which would please the Kremlin more than changing the form of our government to a Democracy ruled from Washington and the destruction of the moral and intellectual character of our people by mongrelization. These two things we should fight and say we are fighting them.

Thanks for reading this long letter and call on me whenever I can be of help to you.

Very Respectfully,  
W. Reid Williams, Jr.

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September 24, 1959.

Senator Harry F. Byrd  
Senate Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Byrd,

I am deeply concerned, as are you, with the terrible threat of those who would change our form of government from a Republic composed of federated Sovereign States to a National Democracy. This has been going on for many years but has been increasing in intensity rapidly since the Supreme Court school rulings in 1954. The most recent danger being the report of the Civil Rights Commission.

It is my belief that the people will eventually get what they want and that our present need is education, especially of our Legal Representatives.

I have just read in the Congressional Record of Sep. 5th center column page 16712 - titled " U. S. Constitution : The Power in the State and the People " - put in the record by Congressman Alford and extending to the bottom of the first column page 16723 . The article is composed of a series of newspaper editorials from the Pioche Record, Pioche, Lincoln County, Nevada. The logic of these editorials is so simple and so convincing. They should be read and carefully studied by each member of the Virginia Legislature before the next session.

I frequently receive in the mail copies of material in the Record from members of Congress. I am suggesting, that if your prerogatives as a Senator permit it, these editorials mentioned above be reprinted and distributed to each member of the Virginia Legislature, each State Official, and other prominent people who may help ; accompanied by a letter of transmittal from you requesting their careful study of this material.

The second murder is easier to commit than the first, the third easier than the second, etc. In the same manner later attacks against State Sovereignty become easier after the first successful attack. If ever we are to stop it it must be now.

Very respectfully,

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